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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Applicants : Todd A. Berg et al.  
Application No. : 09/550,471 Confirmation No.: 8796  
Filed : April 14, 2000  
For : ARTIFICIAL HEART VALVE ATTACHMENT  
APPARATUS AND METHODS  
Group Art Unit : 3738  
Examiner : Bruce Snow

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 2327  
Arlington, Virginia 22202

New York, New York 10020  
October 1, 2002

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)  
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

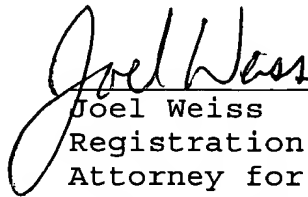
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time set for reply to the Final Office Action dated April 4, 2002 to make the date October 4, 2002. A check in the amount of \$920.00, in payment of the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3), is

herewith. The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or to credit overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joel Weiss", is written over a horizontal line.

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